

MEETING: April 4, 2016 Monday 25 at 7:30

Council was called to order at: 7:39 **P.M. by:** Grand Knight

Prayer was offered by: Grand Knight

The roll of officers was called and noted as follows (P – Present; A – Absent):

Chaplain: E	Financial Secretary: P	Inside Guard: V
Grand Knight: P	Treasurer: A	Outside Guard: V
Deputy Grand Knight: P	Lecturer: P	Trustee (3rd Yr.): P
Chancellor: V	Advocate: E	Trustee (2nd Yr.): P
Recorder: P	Warden: P	Trustee (1st Yr.): P

The Minutes of the previous meeting were: The minutes from the previous meeting were posted online. A motion was made to approve the minutes as posted. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The Grand Knight read applications for membership approved by the Admissions Committee as follows:

The Membership Chair is vacant. Therefore, the Grand Knight is covering the job and reported as follows:

- A form 100 has been received from Earnest King.
 - He was interviewed by the Grand Knight and Jonathan
 - Earnest is:
 - a manager at AAA
 - married
 - new to Columbia from Massachusetts.
 - a 10:30 Mass attendee
 - A motion was made to accept Earnest King.
 - He was accepted unanimously by secret ballot.
- Council has 112 members and has met the membership and insurance goals for the year.
- 1 recent transfer out
- Still need to interview Sean and Travis McCormick. We have form 100's on them, but they have not been returning phone calls.
- Mitch Michaelis and James Gunner need a 1st Degree.
- A first 1st degree will be held on the 3rd Sunday of this month (4/17) at 6:30 PM (Same day as Operation Hope).
- Chris Foust from USC filled out an online form, but the Grand Knight has not been able to contact him.

The results of balloting were:

See above

The Grand Knight reported as follows:

- Many thanks to everyone who work at the recent pancake breakfast.
 - We had 81-82 total paid customers:
 - 35 after the 8:15 Mass
 - 26-27 after the 10:30 Mass
 - 20 after the 12:15 Mass
 - As a starting point to increase participation, we should try to get the groups we are supporting with the breakfast to come by.

- A number of the St. Vincent de Paul members came in at the last breakfast and gave Dan a donation.
- Our total income was \$530 (the last breakfast for the school had \$800 in receipts, and even that was below par).
- The income would have been much lower but we were able to use sausage and bacon left over from the Shrove Tuesday dinner.
- Even if we do not make money, the breakfasts are still a good social building exercise.
- Parking would be an issue if people didn't turn over.
- Advertising that was done for this breakfast included:
 - Bulletin announcements were placed weeks in advance.
 - Priests announced it after the Masses.
 - Signs were put outside of Church.
- Ideas for future advertising:
 - Promote to school kids....they want pancakes....parents are so programmed to come and leave....put free coupon in Monday folders at school.
 - Offer free breakfast and ask for donations? (Council 724 does this)
 - Put a big sign on Forest Drive?
 - Get Knights who don't work to come and buy breakfast.
 - Anything needs a lot of promotion to make it happen.
 - Perhaps the breakfasts should be held on a more regular basis.
 - Everyone at St. Mary's in Littleton got into the habit of attending doughnuts and coffee after Mass (put a dollar into fund when attending) since it was held every Sunday.
 - 4th Sunday was always Knights breakfast at St. Mary's
- Youth would like to do a Mother Day's Breakfast
 - A Mother's Day breakfast would have to be more special than our normal breakfast.
 - Birthright baby bottle campaign is taking place that day as well – the Pro-life coordinator did not see a conflict with this.
 - Motion made to support youth in this endeavor. 2nded. Approved unanimously.
 - Breakfast will be free with a donation plate

The Treasurer reported as follows

Checking balance: \$4,482.47

Savings Balance: \$7,084.66

The following communications were read:

- Letter from St. Joseph school thanking us for donation and hard work from breakfast.
- Bill for Rotary Club football concession parking. The bill is due on April 19th, which prompted the following comments and discussion on whether or not to pay for the parking:
 - During the 2015 football season, we took in about \$2,000 from the concession stands, but spent \$400 of that on parking.
 - Revenues from past years were around \$3,000 to \$4,000, and parking was a little less (~\$350).
 - A pancake breakfast once a month would do better than our concessions last fall.
 - The Brother Knights present at the meeting reached a general consensus that we could make more money with fundraisers at St. Joseph. These fundraisers would also have the potential for additional residual benefits.
 - A Brother Knight suggested he could get us cheaper parking than the Rotary Club if we decide to continue with the concessions stand.
 - A motion was made to skip paying the Rotary club parking. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
 - Issue of whether or not to work the football games this fall is still on the table. The Grand Knight agreed to invite Brothers and Chris and Rick to come to the May meeting and discuss the future of the concession stands.

Financial Secretary report:**Vouchers:**

\$250 to American Heritage Troop
\$300 to Woman's Society to replace check we sent them in November that they lost
\$275 to State Council (state per capita)
\$179.84 expenses for charity breakfast
\$48.55 reimbursement to Brother Rob for storage bins related to charity breakfasts
\$70 for supplies
A \$500 check will be written to cover the State Convention

Receipts:

\$252 from Dues
\$9.53 from Amazon Fundraiser
\$20 donation
\$530 from charity breakfast

Grand Knight observations:

- Our account balances are about \$3,000 lower than they were a year ago.
- We need to find a way to bring in more money.
- Brother Knights are encouraged to make all their Amazon purchases through the Council website (kofc12554.org). %5 of the purchase price will go to the Knights.

The Trustees reported as follows:

No report

The Chancellor reported on vocations:

No report

The following committees reported:**Membership**

- On Tuesday night, Troy Penny handed out form 100's to the RCIA class.
- Brother Knights are encouraged to talk to people they know in the Parish and bring them in.

Retention

- Larry Schronce may be transferring in.
- 2nd and 3rd degree are being held at St. John Neumann on May 14th. They start and 9 AM and should be done by noon.

4th Degree

- Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
- State exemplification is coming up.

Unfinished business was taken up and disposed as follows:

None brought up

The following new business was brought up:

- Thanks to the Financial Secretary for ledger of voucher and receipts for the past year. Will try to implement a new book keeping system for the next administration
- Elections are scheduled for the June meeting
 - Need 10 people at that meeting.
 - Will have good refreshments that night

- The first Thursday in June has a conflict with the 6th grade graduation, per usual.
- The June meeting was officially moved to the 9th.
- Need presentation of officer nominations at May meeting.
- If you would like to be an officer, please let Sam know (or the other Trustees)
- Operation Hope is coming up. Let Sam know what hours you can work on April 16th and 17th.
- Christ Encounter II
 - The program has taken place for 6 Sundays.
 - A few Knights, up to 9 youth, and a few others have come.
 - This program was initially started with the idea it would be for Knights, but only a few Knights have been participating regularly (Tom, John, and Jonathan).
 - Each session started out with participants talking about how they were Christ like in the past week. They then read one or two of the Mass's readings, had wonderful conversations, and ended with prayer.
 - Tom / Youth Director's take:
 - One challenges of Youth director is getting youth to come. They and their parents are programmed to come to Church and leave.
 - Protestants participate in Sunday school before Mass and fellowship afterwards.
 - The youth were surprised that they liked the program, but they already have their youth group activities
 - Want their parents to come to Christ Encounter II, while the youth do their own thing.
 - Once a month, parents and youth could participate together.
 - Don't think we will have a parking problem with 30 people, but would want the problem of 300 people needing a place to park.
 - Want to get more kids at youth group and get their parents to come to Christ encounter.
 - More like a family....not a class.
 - Knights agreed to keep this program going after the 10:30 Mass, but set a goal of starting one after the 8:15 AM Mass as well.

The Insurance Agent reported as follows:

- If you have a life insurance policy, do you have the beneficiaries listed as you want it? The Field Agent can help with this
- Life insurance is tax free money.
- If a policy is taken out on a youth, the applicant is the owner of the policy. If the ownership is not transferred before the applicant passes, the transfer can become much more difficult.
- Need to get a will and durable powers (financial and medical).
- Have your beneficiaries on all assets current, right, and the way you want it.
- Make sure your retirement (pension) has a first and secondary beneficiary.
- SC has a superseding law regarding divorced spouses. In the event of a divorce, the divorced spouse is immediately stricken from a life insurance policy.

The District Deputy reported as follows:

No Report

Under Good of the Order:

Lecturer presented a talk on "Lord...what do I do next?"

- When things go wrong, is it the result of spirits of misunderstanding and/or stupidity? These spirits exist...evil spirits.
- In these situations, consider praying "Lord, what is my next step."

Chaplains summation:

No report.

Closing prayer was said by: GK at 9:32

Attest: *John Staab*

Recorder: John Staab